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SETTING UP OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY CENTRES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up Animal Husbandry Centres in all over the country for scientific development of animal husbandry in order to promote the white revolution; and

(b) if so, the present position of this proposal and the hurdles likely to be faced, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A National Project for Cattle and Buffalo Breeding has been approved by the Government with the objective of bringing all breedable cattle and buffalo under organised breeding programmes in ten years and providing quality breeding inputs at the doorstep of the farmer.

During 2000-2001, the States of Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur participated in the project. Proposals from West Bengal, Chhatisgarh, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Uttranchal, Sikkim, Orissa, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh have been received in the Department and these are being scrutinised so that assistance can be released in second quarter of the year. Other States are being persuaded to send proposal in conformity with guidelines of the scheme.

Likely hurdles include poor acceptance of AI among farmers, difficulties in creation of State Implementing Agency (SIA) by State and transfer of assets and manpower to the SIA, problems associated with cost recovery for goods and services. The Project proposal to address these hurdles in collaboration with respective States.